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-- 71. The biocompatible adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein said first monomer species and said second monomer species are present in an amount of at least 65 percent by weight of the biocompatible adhesive composition. --

-- 72. The biocompatible adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein said first monomer species is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl ester cyanoacrylate, isopropoxy ethyl cyanoacrylate, and methoxy butyl cyanoacrylate. --

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-27 and 46-72 are pending herein. By the Office Action, claims 18-58 are withdrawn from consideration; claims 1, 5-6, 8-11, 14, 17 and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102; and claims 1-17 and 59-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claim 68 is amended, claims 69-72 are added, and non-elected claims 28-45 are canceled. No new matter is added.

Support for new claim 69 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 7, lines 20-24 and page 19, lines 11-17. Support for new claim 70 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 18, lines 3-5. Support for new claim 71 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 17, lines 10-13. Support for new claim 72 can be found in original claims 2 and 7.

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed on February 6, 2002. Although the Office Action enclosed an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449, the non-patent reference was not initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Forms PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that the previous Election of Species requirement has been withdrawn.

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